

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The Specification has also been amended to correct typographical errors. The claims have, therefore, been amended to correct typographical errors.

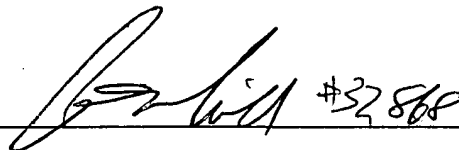
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The second paragraph on page 9, lines 7-12, has been amended as follows:

The invention provides, as one means for solution, a gas generating composition comprising (a) tetrazole derivatives, or, at least one guanidine derivative selected from the group consisting of [tetrazole derivatives], guanidine, guanidine carbonate, nitro guanidine, dicyandiamide, nitro amino guanidine and nitro amino guanidine nitrate and (b) a basic metal nitrate.

The third paragraph on page 9, lines 13-19, has been amended as follows:

The invention provides, as another means for solution, a gas generating composition comprising (a) tetrazole derivatives, or, at least one guanidine derivative selected from the group consisting of [tetrazole derivatives], guanidine, guanidine carbonate, nitro guanidine, dicyandiamide, nitro amino guanidine and nitro amino guanidine nitrate, (b) a basic metal nitrate and (c) a binder and/or a slag-forming agent.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The process as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the metal nitrate is [at least one metal salt] a nitrate of a metal selected from the group consisting of cobalt, copper, zinc, manganese, iron, molybdenum, bismuth and cerium.

8. (Amended) The process as claimed in any one of Claims 4 to 7, wherein [the alkali metal of] the alkali metal bicarbonate is a bicarbonate of a metal [at least one] selected from the group consisting of sodium, potassium, lithium, rubidium and cesium.

23. (Amended) A gas generating composition comprising (a) tetrazole derivatives, or at least one guanidine derivative selected from the group consisting of [tetrazole derivatives,] guanidine, guanidine carbonate, nitro guanidine, dicyandiamide, nitro amino guanidine and nitro amino guanidine nitrate and (b) a basic metal nitrate.

24. (Amended) A gas generating composition comprising (a) tetrazole derivatives, or at least one guanidine derivative selected from the group consisting of [tetrazole derivatives,] guanidine, guanidine carbonate, nitro guanidine, dicyandiamide, nitro amino guanidine and nitro amino guanidine nitrate, (b) a basic metal nitrate and (c) a binder and/or a slag-forming agent.

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